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NASSAU, Bahamas — Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Carr of 229 Walnut St., Springfield, Mass., are pictured on the Ocean Lawn of the luxurious beach-front Emerald Beach Hotel in Nassau. Following their marriage July 4 at the St. John The Evangelist Church in Agawam, Mass., the couple honeymooned in the sunny capital of the Bahamas. The bride, formerly Nancy L. Montessi, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Montessi of 21 Joseph St., Agawam.

AGAWAM CLUB PROMOTES TREES - CONSERVATION

Boy Scouts of America, Memorial Baptist Church of Springfield by the Agawam Sportsman's Club. This has been reported by Dr. Edward Baldwin, Chairman of the Club's Conservation Committee and a WRWA Director. He states that the Club also furnished Chinese Chestnut trees to its members and the general public.

In its announcement of the project, the committee stated that "...conservation education in (an) urban environment must not limit itself to problems of soil, irrigation, forests and vanishing wildlife. It actually considers the problems of human conservation and human education and consumption."

CENSUS BUREAU HIRES LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR SURVEY

7 local residents are among the approximate 660 Massachusetts residents hired by the U.S. Bureau of the Census as interviewers for the Home Fall-out Protection Survey which the Bureau is conducting throughout the State for the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency.

James W. Turbitt, Director of the Census Bureau Regional Office in Boston, announces that the following persons have been selected to call at homes in Agawam: Donna Modzelewski, Helen Loncto, Marie Mazza, Arlene Mazza, Pamela Jones, Joseph Modzelewski and Shirley Cormier.

All Census interviewers wear official red, white and blue badges identifying them as U.S. Census Bureau officials. Most of the interviewers are women. The badge bears the signature of each interviewer and certifies that she is authorized to perform the duties of a Census employee, and as such, has sworn to keep confidential all information provided by the householder.

Householders, both renters "continued on P. 4"

GHOST ROBINS IN THE SKY

"Over increasingly large areas of the United States, spring now comes unheralded by the return of the birds, and the early mornings are strangely silent where once they were filled with the beauty of bird song. This sudden silencing of the song of birds, this obliteration of the color and beauty and interest they lend to our world have come about swiftly, insidiously, and unnoticed by those whose communities are as yet unaffected.

From the town of Hinsdale, Illinois, a housewife wrote in despair to one of the world's leading ornithologists, Robert Cushman Murphy, Curator Emeritus of Birds at the American Museum of Natural History.

Here in our village the elm trees have been sprayed for several years (she wrote in 1958). When we moved here six years ago, there was a wealth of bird life; I put up a feeder and had a steady stream of cardinals, chickadees, downies and nuthatches all winter, and the cardinals and chickadees brought their young ones in the summer.

After several years of DDT spray, the town is almost devoid of robins and starlings; chickadees have not been on my shelf for two years, and this year the cardinals are gone too; the nesting population in the neighborhood seems to consist of one dove pair and perhaps one catbird family.

It is hard to explain to the children that the birds have been killed off, when they have learned in school that a Federal law protects the birds from killing or capture. "Will they ever come back?" they ask, and I do not have the answer. The elms are still dying, and so are the birds. Is anything being done? Can anything be done? Can I do anything?"

"What this spraying could mean to bird life, and especially to the robin, was first made clear by the work of two ornithologists at Michigan State University, Professor George Wallace and one of his graduate students, John Mehner. When Mr. Mehner began work for the doctorate in 1954, he chose a research project that had to do with robin populations. This was quite by chance, for at that time no one suspected that the robins were in danger. But even as he undertook the work, events occurred that were to change its character and indeed to deprive him of his material.

Spraying for Dutch elm disease began in a small way on the university campus in 1954. The following year the city of East Lansing (where the university is located) joined in, spraying on the campus was expanded, and, with local programs for gypsy moth and mosquito control also under way, the rain of chemicals increased to a downpour.

During 1954, the year of the first light spraying, all seemed well. The following spring the migrating robins began to return to the campus as usual. Like the bluebells in Tomlinson's haunting essay "The Lost Wood," they were "expecting no evil" as they reoccupied their familiar territories. But soon it became evident that something was wrong. Dead and dying robins began to appear on the campus. Few birds were seen in their normal foraging activities or assembling in their usual roosts. Few nests were built; few young appeared. The pattern was repeated with monotonous regularity in succeeding springs. The sprayed area had become a lethal trap in which each wave of migrating robins would be eliminated in about a week. Then new arrivals would come in, only to add to the numbers of doomed birds seen on the campus in the agonized tremors that precede death."

"A key piece in the jigsaw puzzle of the doomed robins was soon to be supplied by Dr. Roy Barker of the Illinois Natural History Survey at Urbana. Dr. Barker's work, published in 1958, traced the intricate cycle of events by which the robins' fate is linked to the elm trees by way of the earthworms. The trees are sprayed in the spring (usually at the rate of 2 to 5 pounds of DDT per 50-foot tree, which may be the equivalent of as much as 23 pounds per acre where elms are numerous) and often again in July, at about half this concentration. Powerful sprayers direct a stream of poison to all parts of the tallest trees, killing directly not only the target organism, the bark beetle, but other insects, including pollinating species and predatory spiders and beetles. The poison forms a tenacious film over the leaves and bark. Rains do not wash it away. In the autumn the leaves fall to the ground, accumulate in sodden layers, and begin the slow process of becoming one with the soil. In this they are aided by the toil of the earthworms, who feed in the leaf litter, for elm leaves are among their favorite foods. In feeding on the leaves the worms also swallow the insecticide, accumulating and concentrating it in their bodies. Dr. Barker found deposits of DDT throughout the digestive tracts of the worms, their blood vessels, nerves, and body wall. Undoubtedly some the earthworms themselves succumb, but others survive to become "biological magnifiers" of the poison. In the spring the robins return to provide another link in the cycle. As few as 11 large earthworms can transfer a lethal dose of DDT to a robin. And 11 worms form a small part of a day's rations to a bird that eats 10 to 12 earthworms in as many minutes."

These excerpts taken from Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring", written 1962, but what's happening in 1968 in the State of Mass? The very same spraying is going on now as before. The Dept. of Public Works, only 2 or 3 weeks ago, went down the line, spraying all elm trees with 6% DDT in a kerosine base.

A.I.M. RE-ISSUES "BESTSELLER" ON POLITICS, GOV'T

BOSTON — Responding to election-year demand, a redesigned and up-dated 7th edition of the award-winning book, "How Politics and Government Work in Massachusetts," has been published by the state manufacturing association.

More than 76,000 copies of the concise 44-page political primer have been distributed since 1960, when Associated Industries of Massachusetts decided there was a need for a factual, non-partisan, guide to the political parties and state and federal government.

Endorsed by leading public "continued on P. 2"

TAXPAYERS FOUNDATION DENOUNCES ARMING REGISTRY

"An unnecessary second state police force would be created if several hundred Registry of Motor Vehicle personnel are given full police powers and guns", Frank J. Zeo, Executive Vice President of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, said today. "This, in effect, is what would happen if House 4677, now awaiting the Governor's signature becomes law", Zeo continued.

"After 50 years of existence without guns, 1968 seems a most 'unseasonable' time to 'arm' over three hundred men whose work is only remotely

WESTFIELD SAVINGS WINNERS RECEIVE CHECKS



Thomas J. Howard, Jr., officer in charge of the new Agawam Office of the Westfield Savings Bank, presents checks to the winners of the door prize drawing that was held in conjunction with the opening of the new office. Left to right: Miss Audrey Phillips, who won the first prize of \$250; Mrs. Arthur Norman, who won the second prize of \$100; and Mrs. Mary Biagetti, who won the third prize of \$50. All of the prize winners were from Agawam.

connected with criminal matters. Such a move would not be much of an example to the people."

Zeo explained that this perennial proposal, which has failed in past years, seems to gain legislative support only in election years.

"No other state has followed this unwise course, and it in direct conflict with the widely recognized and repeatedly advocated need to consolidate the public safety forces and develop a coordinated system of state law enforcement."

The Taxpayers Foundation executive also pointed out that there is an immediate cost factor. While several hundred guns and holsters would not amount to much (about \$18,000) as governmental expenditures go, there is the hidden expense of training. Authorities agree that 52 hours of firearms indoctrination are a minimum need. Multiplied by over 300 men, a training course of length amounts to eight man-years. Put another way, passage of this measure would have the effect of cutting the Registry's already overextended staff by eight men.

"All of this has been enough to defeat this power grab in the past. Now an overpowering third argument has been added. It is that much of the American public in 1968 has a bitter revulsion for guns. None of us needs to be reminded of the tragic reasons," Zeo concluded.

The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what's coming to them.

BLOODMOBILE SCHEDULE

(Employees Only) Thurs. Aug. 8, Buxton's Inc. 265 Main St., Agawam, 10:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thurs. Aug. 29, Package Machinery Co., Chestnut St., E. Long. 10:30 - 4:30 p.m. (Public Visits) Mon. Aug. 5, Comm. Hall, "Eastfield", 1655 Boston Rd., Spfld., 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mon. Aug. 12, Red Cross Chapter House, 275 Maple St., Spfld., 10:00 - 3:45 p.m. For transportation and information call: A.R.C. 737-4306.

Green Thumb Tips

The common marigold may be useful in ridding soil and crops of nematodes, those tiny parasitic worms that often are the bane of the farmer's or gardener's existence. The United States Department of Agriculture found marigolds the best potential resistor of seven plants tested.

The idea, of course, is to starve out the nematodes. If marigolds are grown and resist the pests, then the next year the nematode population will have decreased and better crops can be grown.

The use of marigolds in this manner benefits the home gardener as much as or more than it does the farmer.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of MARIA V. BERTOLDI late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by FLORENCE J. OTTO of said Agawam praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 25, Aug. 1, 8

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM E. HILBIG otherwise WILLIAM HILBIG late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by HILDEGARDE HILBIG of said Agawam praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixth day of September 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 25, Aug. 1, 8

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of ANTONIE J. STATKUN late of Agawam in said County, deceased, in testate.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said deceased, and that the petitioner may become the purchaser of said real estate.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 25, Aug. 1, 8

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To all persons interested in the estate of ANTONIE J. STATKUN late of Agawam in said County, deceased, in testate.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said deceased, and that the petitioner may become the purchaser of said real estate.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 25, Aug. 1, 8

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in a petition for adoption of ROBERT MARSHALL LUMPKIN of Agawam, in said County.

A petition has been presented to said Court by ROY A. MCKINNEY and CHERYL L. LUMPKIN MCKINNEY his wife, of said Agawam, praying for leave to adopt said ROBERT MARSHALL LUMPKIN a child of RALPH MARSHALL LUMPKIN, of Kansas City, in the State of Missouri and CHERYL LYNN MILLER LUMPKIN now CHERYL L. LUMPKIN MCKINNEY, his former wife, and that the name of said child be changed to ROBERT MARSHALL MCKINNEY.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the third day of September 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Aug. 1, 8, 15

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of ETHEL LIND WHITMARSH late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by NATALIE L. WHITMARSH and SHIRLEY E. EMERSON, both of said Agawam praying that they be appointed executrices thereof without giving a surety on their bonds.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the third day of September 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Aug. 1, 8, 15

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will of EARL E. DENNETT late of Agawam, in said County, deceased, for the benefit of SALLY ANN THOMPSON and others under the second clause of said will.

The trustee of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance its first account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Aug. 1, 8, 15

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will of LORIN W. FISK late of Agawam, deceased, for the benefit of THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS AND CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY under the first clause of said will.

The trustee of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance its thirty-ninth account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the third day of September 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Aug. 1, 8, 15

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will of EDITH BOOTH late of Agawam, in said County, deceased, for the benefit of JESSIE C. HOFMEYER and others under the sixth clause of said will.

The trustee of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance its third to the fifth accounts inclusive.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the third day of September 1968 the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 25, Aug. 1, 8

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss. Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of VIRGINIA PETITHORY late of Agawam, in said County, deceased, intestate.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said deceased.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 18, 25, Aug. 1

Planting a new lawn? Mid-August to mid-September is the best time in the entire year to do so. But be sure you don't plant seeds too thickly. There are over 2 million seeds to a pound of bluegrass and, if this much seed is distributed evenly over one thousand square feet of well-prepared ground, it will produce an excellent stand of grass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of CARITA E. PIECUCH late of Agawam in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that JOHN MICHAEL PIECUCH of said Agawam be appointed administrator of said estate without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in the County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 18, 25, Aug. 1

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of GEORGE KERR of Agawam, in said County, a person under conservatorship now deceased.

The conservator of the property of said GEORGE KERR has presented to said Court its sixth and final account for allowance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 18, 25, Aug. 1

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of MARTHA CHMIELEWSKI late of Agawam in said County, deceased.

The executrix of the will of said MARTHA CHMIELEWSKI has presented to said Court for allowance her first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
July 18, 25, Aug. 1

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in a petition for adoption of MICHELLE LYNN LUMPKIN of Agawam in said County.

A petition has been presented to said court by ROY A. MCKINNEY and CHERYL L. LUMPKIN MCKINNEY his wife, of said Agawam, praying for leave to adopt said MICHELLE LYNN LUMPKIN a child of RALPH MARSHALL LUMPKIN, II, of Kansas City, in the state of Missouri and CHERYL LYNN MILLER LUMPKIN, now CHERYL LYNN LUMPKIN MCKINNEY his former wife, that the name of said child be changed to MICHELLE LYNN MCKINNEY.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the third day of September 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of July 1968.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Aug. 1, 8, 15

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MAN, THE GREAT PREDATOR "REGRETS"

Item: Not long ago, Max Bogen, a New York fashion house, placed an advertisement in Harper's Bazaar listing 88 animals from which fur coats are made. The ad concluded with this note: "Max Bogen regrets that number 17 is no longer available. Unfortunately, a Himalayan Snow Leopard perfect enough to become a Max Bogen fur hasn't been sighted in over two years. But you can be sure that when the right one comes along, it'll end up at: Max Bogen."

Unfortunately. For others are also expressing "regrets" about the world's vanishing species, though for different reasons.

As Congressman John D. Dingell of Michigan puts it: "Within the next few decades, unless immediate and vigorous action is taken, some of the most interesting and famous creatures the world has produced during the millions of years of evolution will become extinct."

Man the great predator has already demonstrated that he can wipe out a species in less than a generation - with bullets, pesticides, or by destroying the animal's habitat. In the United States, some 80 species are now considered on the verge of extinction. They include the California condor, the ivory-billed woodpecker, Florida panther and timber wolf.

Throughout the world hundreds of others are classified as rare or endangered species. Among the most threatened are the giant otter, Komodo dragon, aye-aye, orangutan, pygmy hog, mountain gorilla, Javan rhinoceros, Mexican grizzly bear, and the blue whale.

Rubbish Collection

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A.I.M. RE-ISSUES "BESTSELLER"

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officials, the book has been widely used by schools, service clubs and management groups, as well as concerned individuals.

Sporting a handsome new jacket, the 7th edition was edited by Herman C. Loeffler, retired director of the Massachusetts Legislative Research Bureau.

Copies may be obtained by writing Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Dept. H. 4005 Prudential Tower, Boston 02199. A charge of 35 cents a copy (plus Mass. 3% sales tax) a copy is to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Gold digger: A girl who hates poverty worse than sin.

BRIGHT FUTURE IN WALL STREET JOBS

By Robert Allen

Never before in history have the job opportunities in Wall Street been as great as they are today.



And Wall Street, as a generic term for this country's investment industry has come to be almost synonymous with Main Street or Broad Street or State Street. A young man or woman can have a career in finance in almost any city with a population of 25,000 or more.

An urgent present need is for registered representatives, the salespeople who accept orders from the firm's customers to buy or sell securities. They are specially trained to be knowledgeable about every type of investment and to offer information and advice as required by the individual investor.

All registered reps must pass rigid examinations given by the New York Stock Exchange and National Association of Securities Dealers. Starting salaries are now running between \$7,000 and \$10,000. There is almost no limit to the future earning capacity of a top-grade representative.

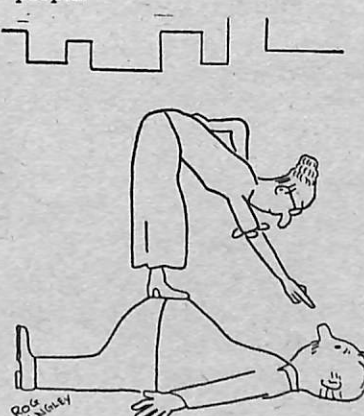
Why is the demand so great? Today there are 24,000,000 shareholders of publicly-owned U.S. corporations against only 6,500,000 in 1952. They are presently trading more than 10,000,000 shares a day on the New York Stock Exchange alone, vs. the typical 4,000,000 - share days of 1965. Best estimates are that by 1972 there will be 30,000,000 shareholders in the U.S.

To compete effectively with other industries for talented young people, many of the big Wall Street firms now go directly to the colleges with their recruitment programs.

"It's the quality of people that makes the difference in our business," says Bayard Dominick, board chairman of Dominick & Dominick, Incorporated, a 98-year-old investment banking firm that had the vision to begin recruiting at colleges in 1946. "We went to a few colleges right after the end of World War II. At that time, Wall Street, as a place to seek your career, was somewhat out of favor. Everyone wanted to get into aviation, or television, or electronics."

"But many of our key men today came to us in the early years of our college program. They've seen the investment industry grow tremendously. It has been only in recent years in fact that we've caught up with the fabulous strides of the total U.S. economy."

At most major houses, a liberal arts degree is considered essential and a master's degree in business administration or finance vastly improves the candidate's chances. The ability to speak and write clearly is important. Facility with figures and statistics is useful, and you must be able to get along with people.



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The toupee wearer, it is plain, is living under an assumed mane.

"The Death Penalty Should Be Abolished"

By HON. RAMSEY CLARK

Editor's note: The following is the text of a statement by U.S. Attorney General Clark on July 2 before the Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Senate Bill 1760, which would abolish the death penalty for crimes listed in the Federal Code.

We live in days of turbulence. Violence is commonplace: murder an hourly occurrence.

In the midst of anxiety and fear, complexity and doubt, perhaps our greatest need is reverence for life—mere life: our lives, the lives of others, all life. Life is an end in itself. A humane and generous concern for every individual, for his safety, his health and his fulfillment, will do more to soothe the savage heart than the fear of state-inflicted death which chiefly serves to remind us how close we remain to the jungle.

"Murder and capital punishment are not opposites that cancel one another, but similars that breed their kind," Shaw advises. When the state itself kills, the mandate "thou shalt not kill" loses the force of the absolute.

Surely the abolition of the death penalty is a major milestone in the long road up from barbarism. There was a time when self preservation necessitated its imposition. Later inordinate sacrifices by the innocent would have been required to isolate dangerous persons from the public. Our civilization has no such excuse.

Today more than seventy nations and thirteen of our states have generally abolished the death penalty. While most states and the federal system reserve the ultimate sanction, it has been rarely used in recent years. There were 199 executions in the United States in 1935. There was only one in 1966; two in 1967. Only one person has been executed under any of the 29 federal statutes authorizing death in the past decade. He can be the last.

Our history shows the death penalty has been unjustly imposed, innocents have been killed by the state, effective rehabilitation has been impaired, judicial administration has suffered, crime has not been deterred. Society pays a heavy price for the penalty of death it imposes.

Our emotions may cry vengeance in the wake of a horrible crime. But reason and experience tell us that killing the criminal will not undo the crime, prevent other crimes, or bring justice to the victim, the criminal, or society. Executions cheapen life. We must cherish life.

Extensive studies show that the death penalty does not deter crime. A comprehensive study by Professor Thorsten Sellin concludes, "it has failed as a deterrent." A United Nations report finds from all available information that abolition of the death penalty has no effect on murder rates. With, or without, they are much the same. Why should we expect a deterrent value? Most capital crimes are committed

on impulse in a moment of passion without thought of gain or loss. No punishment deters unpremeditated crime. Premeditated crime is committed by people who believe they will not be caught no matter what the penalty. The best deterrent is swift apprehension, prosecution and conviction. The need is to build better law enforcement—to professionalize police, to bring science and technology to criminal justice. The death penalty is considered by some to be incentive for mentally unstable persons to commit capital crimes.

The death penalty's impact on the administration of justice has been malign. Mr. Justice Frankfurter strongly opposed it for this reason. "When life is at hazard in a trial," he said, "it sensationalizes the whole thing almost unwittingly." He regards as "very bad" the effect on juries, the bar, the public and the judiciary. President Johnson's Crime Commission found that the sensationalism "destroys the fact finding process." In a capital case, realization of the consequences of error permeates the entire proceedings. A jury might acquit because of its fear of the death penalty rather than the weight of evidence. Mr. Justice Jackson observed that appellate courts in capital cases "are tempted to strain the evidence and even, in close cases, the law in order to give a doubtfully condemned man another chance."

Fear of mistake produces excruciating delays in executions. Of the 435 men now on death row, who range in age from 16 to 68, half have been waiting death more than 29 months since being sentenced. Such delays add immeasurably to the inhumanity of capital punishment. Combined with the infrequency of actual imposition, delay eliminates a deterrent effect the penalty might otherwise be thought to have. Moreover, as the American Bar Foundation found in a 1961 study, it weakens public confidence in the law. The President's Crime Commission noted: "The spectacle of men living on death row for years while their lawyers pursue appellate and collateral remedies tarnishes our image of humane and expeditious justice."

The death penalty is irrevocable. For this reason, Lafayette vowed to oppose capital punishment until "the infallibility of human judgment" was demonstrated to him. Innocent persons have been executed. Mental defectives and incompetents have been executed. A judicial determination that a person is legally responsible for his act is not yet precise.

A small and capricious selection of offenders have been put to death. Most persons convicted of the same crimes have been imprisoned. Experienced wardens know many prisoners serving life or less whose crimes were equally, or more atrocious, than those of men on death row.

Death has been visited in a discriminatory fashion. Clarence Darrow observed that, "from the beginning, a procession of the poor, the weak, the unfit, have gone through our

jails and prisons to their deaths. They have been the victims." It is the poor, the weak, the ignorant, the hated who are executed. Racial discrimination occurs in the administration of capital punishment. Since we began keeping records in 1930, there have been 2,066 Negroes and 1,751 white persons put to death, although Negroes made up only one-eighth of our population. Of the 455 men executed for rape, 405 were Negroes.

As a people, we are committed to the rule of law. We obey the law, not because we are forced to or fear not to, but because we want to. The law therefore must be just. It must offer hope to all our people. When it suggests vengeance or inhumanity, it loses the respect that is necessary if a free people are to fix it in their hearts.

Modern penology offers effective methods of protecting society. We are at last beginning to realize what can be accomplished through rehabilitation, achieved in confinement and in limited custody or supervision in open society. Community treatment centers, halfway houses and work release programs are evidence of thrust toward community programs. Their potential is great. They are the future of corrections. It is a sad commentary on how much we care that this wealthy nation spent 95% of all funds for corrections on custody, the remaining 5% on education, therapy and other rehabilitation techniques—while still killing those who offend us the most.

If an offender cannot adapt to community programs, he need not be a burden to society. Through employment in industries within the prison he can be productive. If he is unable or unwilling to work, he can be treated humanely, allowed to live, and society can be fully protected. We do not need to kill from fear.

Murderers, the most likely candidates for execution, generally make well behaved prisoners. There is nothing to indicate that the death penalty is needed to protect prison personnel from murderous assaults by life-termers. One study covered 121 assaults with intent to kill in the prisons of 27 states during the 1940's. Only 10 were committed by prisoners serving life for murder.

The death penalty is inconsistent with the purposes of modern penology. It is a costly substitute for the effort and money needed to develop correctional knowledge and skills.

Our difficult days call for rare courage: the willingness to disenfranchise ourselves, to think anew and act anew. There is no justification for the death penalty. It cheapens life. Its injustices and inhumanity raise basic questions about our institutions and purpose as a people. Why must we kill? What do we fear? What do we accomplish besides our own embitterment? Why cannot we reverse life and in so doing create in the hearts of our people a love for mankind that will finally still violence?

The death penalty should be abolished.

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Gains in Dental Research

Good news lies ahead for the 98 percent of Americans who have dental problems, as a result of 20 years of progress observed in June this year by the National Institute of Dental Research. Growing from a handful of scientists when it was established in 1948 at the National Institutes of Health, the Dental Institute today conducts a wide variety of basic, clinical, and applied research and supports about 300 scientific projects at 100 different institutions.

A major achievement of the past two decades has been establishment of the fact that addition of enough fluoride to a public water supply to maintain a level of one part per million will safely reduce tooth decay by 65 percent. Various other means have also been sought to save teeth with fluoride. A new method now being tested is to have school children apply a fluoride gel in a plastic mouthguard for a few minutes a day under the supervision of a dental hygienist or school nurse. After a two-year period of observation, this procedure has been found to reduce the rate of decay in a non-fluoride area by 80 percent.

Intensive studies of the causes of cleft lip and palate, oral cancer, mouth ulcers, and periodontal (gum) disease, as

well as dental caries (tooth decay), are providing information that will lead to more effective control and preventive measures.

Periodontal disease, which destroys tissues that support teeth, is an extremely complex problem. Institute research shows that bacteria, diet, physical pressures, immunological factors, and tissue enzymes play important roles in this condition. The disease, almost universal in older people, is perhaps the greatest challenge for future dental research.

A significant breakthrough has been made in defining the role of specific bacteria in tooth decay and periodontal disease. An important research focus is now on the sticky film called microbial plaque which rings the teeth. Studies will seek to determine how best to rid the mouth of the disease threat posed by this microbial plaque.

One current approach is directed at dissolving the secretion that permits bacteria to cling in plaque to teeth. Recent research with hamsters shows that an enzyme (dextranase) added to food can dissolve this secretion. Saliva can then wash away bacteria and acids, arresting decay on the smooth surfaces of these teeth. If clinical trials bear out the promise of animal research, another weapon against decay will be available.—201-DR-668

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Help Wanted - Male

CENSUS BUREAU HIRES

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and home owners, are asked a few easy-to-answer questions about the way their houses are built. And, in a way, they are working with one of the marvels of our electronic age. The newest, most modern computer at the Census Bureau takes the information a householder gives about his dwelling, analyzes it, and if the dwelling has a basement, calculated the degree of protection against radioactive fallout that basement affords.

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Mario Sakellis, Executive Director, announced that the Agawam YMCA summer activities are just about Mid-way thru the summer. However, now is the time to join because all activities are in progress. The following are some of the activities. Chess club, adult exercises, pet show, Junior High Exercises, Adult tennis lessons, Totem pole club, Coin club, Woodworking club, ping pong contests, gymnastics club, archery classes, tennis classes, Junior High dances, co-ed club, art classes, nature club, Family night movies, swimming instruction classes, synchronized swimming, 50 mile swim, diving classes, family picnics and games.

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